

The Chief Planning Officer  
Local Planning Authorities in England

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Dear Colleague

### **Written Ministerial Statement – Planning Simplification Measures**

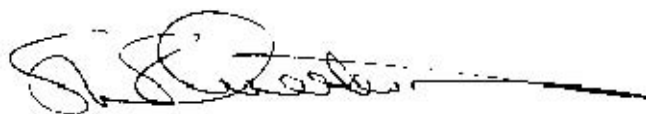
I am writing to confirm that the Minister for Decentralisation and Cities Greg Clark has today made a Written Ministerial Statement announcing additional measures to support the delivery of sustainable development by making the planning system simpler and more effective. A copy of the Written Ministerial Statement can be found at: [http://www.parliament.uk/documents/commons-vote-office/July\\_2012/03-07-12/3.DCLG-Planning-Simplification-Measures.pdf](http://www.parliament.uk/documents/commons-vote-office/July_2012/03-07-12/3.DCLG-Planning-Simplification-Measures.pdf)

The Statement includes notice that planning application fees will be increased across the categories/range by 15%. Regulations to implement this change will be laid shortly.

Details of the three consultations, also referred to within the Statement, have been published on the Department for Communities and Local Government website at: <http://www.communities.gov.uk/planningandbuilding/publications/consultations>. The closing date for these consultations is 11 September 2012.

For further information about changes to planning application fees, please contact Jane Everton on 0303 444 1342 ([jane.everton@communities.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:jane.everton@communities.gsi.gov.uk)) and for any other queries related to the Statement please contact Tony Thompson on 0303 444 1723 ([tony.thompson@communities.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:tony.thompson@communities.gsi.gov.uk)).

Yours faithfully



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